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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
58 39 20%	49 21 70%	44 23 10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

42

Number of GCSU seniors nominated to the Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Source: The Calendar

University goes on wellness class diet



FILE PHOTO

GCSU no longer credits wellness classes towards graduation. Despite the change, over 300 students are enrolled in wellness classes including 15 students taking weight training in the wellness depot.

BY WESLEY BROWN
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU's phase-in of the Board of Regents policy that limits Georgia universities from counting wellness and orientation classes toward earned hours for degree requirements is complete.

As of December 2007, GCSU is enforcing the longstanding policy that states students can take these classes, but when the school goes to calculate graduation earned hours these hours are subtracted from the total.

Students are still permitted to take wellness classes and are credited for the hours. As for orientation

classes, known commonly as Freshman Seminar, they are still required in order to graduate.

The registrar is currently working on many ways to inform students and faculty of the change. The registrar notified everyone through the school e-mail of the changes and how they would be enforced. They are now working on putting notes in the online registration databases. The registrar will provide more info of the situation starting this summer.

Although these classes no longer have a direct impact on students' education, Kay Anderson still encourages students to enroll in the classes.

"Anytime a student has the opportunity to learn more information and skills it is valuable thing," Anderson said. "Students should be able to take classes they are interested in. They just need to be careful and plan accordingly."

This semester the wellness program offers 18 classes, ranging from Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and racquetball, to fitness walking and weight training. Furthermore over 300 students are enrolled in the classes. Wellness Program Coordinator, Amy Whatley, has not seen any drastic

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A&S decides on new dean

BY CLAIRE KERSEY
STAFF REPORTER



Procter

After a nine month search, the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences has selected a new dean, Kenneth Procter. Procter will come to GCSU from the University of Montevallo in Alabama, where he was Dean of the College of Fine Arts. He will take the place of Interim Dean Mike Digby.

Procter has an MFA in Studio Art from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has written many papers, and has participated in many art exhibitions. At the University of Montevallo, he was previously chair of the art department and director of the honors programs.

The search for a dean began in March after the departure of the previous dean, Beth Rushing. A committee was formed to

identify what the faculty was looking for in the candidates and the opportunities and challenges that the school faced, and a search consultant was hired.

GCSU used the committee's information to compose a profile of the potential dean, and a profile of the school. Some of the desired qualifications were a doctorate or the highest degree in a field, at least five years of administrative experience, scholarly expertise and good communication

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Construction has recently begun at West Campus and is expected to be finished at the start of the fall semester. It is being built primarily as a dining hall that is closer to the residents of The Village but will also have some multi-purpose rooms and a TV in the dining area.

Minor Renovations

BY AUBREY PETKAS
STAFF WRITER

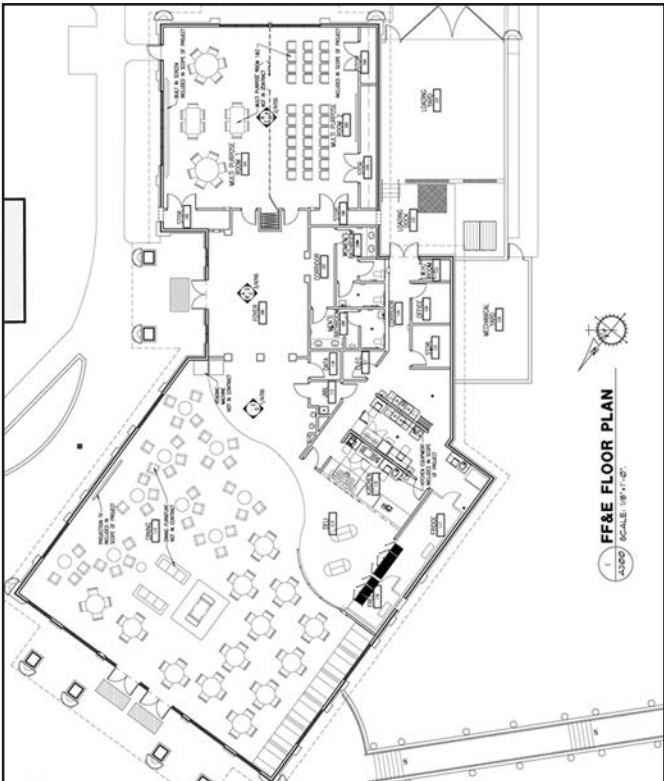
The beginnings of yet another construction site at GCSU is set to become a gathering place for students by next fall.

For more than a year blue prints for the new multi-purpose building on West Campus have been improved and approved. After being designed by architects and reviewed by a committee of University staff the construction has begun.

"The site is currently being leveled and excavated for the drainage system," said Mark Bowen, project manager for the \$2 million structure. "The project for the new multi-purpose building has been in the works for over a year."

Construction for the building is taking place between the clubhouse and the 600 building. Completion of the project is set to be fall of 2008.

The 9,000 square foot building will include several features strikingly similar to the amenities currently available on central campus. There will be space for two large class-



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Above is the floor plan for the 9,000 square foot building that will include two large classrooms, a dining hall, a vast outdoor deck and a boardwalk connecting the new multi-purpose building to the existing clubhouse.

rooms, a dining hall, a vast outdoor deck and will include a unique boardwalk connecting the new multi-purpose building to the existing clubhouse. A café style eatery called Sandella's will also be located in the building and is available to the public.

"Sandella's is a national brand like Chic-fil-A and Blimpie but will be managed by Sodexo," said Larry Christenson, executive director of University Housing. "It was chosen and approved by the

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GCSU reacts to bomb threats

BY JERRY CALBOS
STAFF REPORTER

On Friday morning, Nov. 30, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., there was a bomb threat at the Wal-Mart in Milledgeville. Wal-Mart was evacuated, according to a Milledgeville Police Department report.

There have also been a few other bomb threats and a tornado watches in and around Milledgeville. This has led some to ask questions about how prepared GCSU is in the case of an emergency.

"I believe we're well prepared," stated Dr. David Groseclose, assistant vice president for Human Services & Business and interim director of Public Safety.

Groseclose referred to an Emergency Management book which is found "on every desk in the university. It has protocol for every event."

In regards to protocol, there is also a flip chart manual found in every department which has protocol for almost every

major event, from a bomb threat all the way down to a Severe Weather Alert. The actions that need to be taken depend on the situation.

When asked if students feel safe on campus in the case that an emergency did occur,

"I don't know. I haven't really thought about it," Robin Keene, a senior history major, said.

This attitude does not surprise Groseclose.

"At Parents Day (Nov. 3), I had four sessions and only four parents showed up. Parents must not care about their kids' safety."

Groseclose continued. "(There is) a system in place and we are begging people to sign up (to ConnectEd). ConnectEd is a new system brought together by Mr. Groseclose and Mr. Bryan Jackson, director of University Communications."

Students who wish to sign up to ConnectEd simply need to log into

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Student Food Advisory Board."

The café will feature paninis, quesadillas, wraps and flatbread pizza.

While next year's incoming freshmen get to enjoy the new amenities, many current GCSU students are not so sure about what it will take to get there.

"I'm worried about the noise factor waking me up so early and interrupting my studying," said Sarah Kirk, a sophomore at GCSU. "I'm going to hate walking on the road right next to all that construction every morning to the shuttle."

A daily walk by a construction site poses many safety issues for students.

Although a path of packed sand and gravel was made as an alternative route for students to avoid the construction zone, it has not been effective.

"An easy and efficient route has been made from the apartments to the clubhouse and shuttle stop, but students are choosing not to use it," said Christenson.

This is understandable considering that recent rain has caused the path to become a muddy marshland that resembles more of an obstacle course than an ordinary concrete sidewalk.

"We have been in communication with the city of Milledgeville and have gained permission for a temporary access road that will allow students to avoid the construction site," said Christenson.

The \$15,000 temporary access road will offer a new shuttle stop for Village residents and will allow the

construction site to be correctly fenced off. The access road will cut into the parking lot in front of the 600 Building doing away with up to eight parking spaces for a temporary the shuttle stop.

Noise is another issue that can not be as easily remedied.

"The immense field between the buildings behind the construction site acts like an amphitheater amplifying the sound throughout the area and surrounding apartment buildings," said Christenson.

Cindy McClanahan, the marketing coordinator for University Housing at West Campus has some suggestions.

"Students can expect construction between 8 a.m. and dusk. I suggest students plan their time by utilizing the library or other locations as a place to study. Construction is inconvenient, but the end result will be well worth it."

GCSU is finally implementing its long awaited dream of growth, improvement and expansion throughout many campus buildings. However, there have been many sacrifices along the way.

GCSU's cross country team could no longer race at home when The Village was built on their training grounds. They are now forced to compete on unfamiliar terrain at different college campuses.

Although an athletic swimming pool on West Campus will be available in the future, the GCSU Swim Cats currently must travel to Central State to practice and race.

"The dean came and talked to us about what we wanted from the new addi-

tions at West Campus. I think the new fitness complex will really benefit us swimmers in the future, but right now we don't even have a place to practice because the on-campus pool is being filled in for more classroom space," said Charlotte Petonic, a junior and member of the Swim Cats club. "Our pool here was always too short to have competitions but at least we had a place to practice. Now we have to commute and have lost members because of it."

GCSU's state-of-the-art living facilities come with a very high price tag. The dorms, The Village and the newly renovated Bell Hall are all less than five years old. These investments have produced a \$100 million debt for the University. More than 30 years of tuition will be needed to equalize the debt. Still, the school is nowhere near slowing down spending money.

The old coffee shop on the bottom floor of Sanford is soon to become a WOW (World of Wings). Yes, it will sell wings in a pub environment, minus the beer of course. The advancements on West Campus are not stopping anytime soon either.

"We have plans for a much larger student wellness center and recreation center on West Campus. Rock climbing walls, a swimming pool and more," said Christenson. "We want this to be a place to gather producing the liberal arts concept of a living and learning community."

For more information and updates on the construction, join the Facebook group "Village Construction." Or call Cindy McClanahan at 478-804-4796.

Middle Eastern languages come to Georgia College

BY CHRISTIN IVEY
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU is upping its language lingo with new additions to the modern foreign language department. As students look towards other options to fulfill the four-semester language requirement of most majors in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, GCSU hopes to diversify the choices, with courses in Arabic, Italian and future plans for Chinese.

Currently, GCSU offers eight foreign language options for students: Arabic, Italian, Japanese, Russian, English as a second language and the more commonly taught languages: French, German and Spanish. However, due to a national trend of increased demand for Middle Eastern and Asian speakers, GCSU is looking to give students more language options.

Dr. Roger Noel, chair of the modern foreign language department, explains why GCSU added Arabic to the curriculum.

"I think there has been an interest in Arabic because of the importance of Arab countries in the world, and at some point (GCSU) may offer a certificate in Middle Eastern Studies. However I think we need to wait a couple of years to see if Arabic remains popular," Noel said.

As with most new languages added to the foreign language department, student demand is crucial

in keeping the new language on the school's curriculum.

GCSU tests out the popularity of LCTLs, or less commonly taught languages, by hiring part-time professors through the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA), which allows native speakers to teach at GCSU for only one academic school year.

New languages are given on a two-year cycle, with level one beginning only in the fall semester, to gauge continued student participation.

However, for new languages such as Arabic and Italian to remain a permanent language option for students, approval from the Curriculum and Instruction Committee will be needed.

Yet, GCSU cannot hire a full-time professor for a new language unless student demand for that language warrants it, Noel explains.

"One thing I would love to offer at a liberal arts school like GCSU is Latin, but MFL (Master of Foreign Language) can't afford a full-time position unless the professor can teach (another subject) besides Latin," Noel said.

GCSU's current Arabic professor, Imene Khalifa, will only be at GCSU for one academic year, as is the policy of the FLTA Program. However, Khalifa advises, teaching and learning Arabic is no easy cakewalk.

"The hardest thing (in Arabic) is the alphabet and sounds. Since it's so dif-

ferent (from English), it sometimes confuses students with their production of sounds," Khalifa said.

Regardless of its difficulty, 14 GCSU students are currently enrolled in both Arabic 1002 and Arabic 2002.

Sophomore Chris Hercules is in his second semester of Arabic, and says it is worth all the hard work.

"It seems like now more than ever, (Arabic) is a very important language to learn considering current events at the moment. I think it's something everyone should learn," Hercules said.

Noah DeWalt, a junior Liberal Studies major, has already taken Italian and is now in his second semester of Arabic, but wishes GCSU would offer more language choices.

"I think we really need Mandarin Chinese and I can't believe we don't have it already because I would take that in a second," DeWalt said. "But I'd also love to see Hindu and Hebrew offered."

As for any other new languages GCSU might offer, Noel reveals some good news for GCSU students interested in the Far East.

"Chinese will be offered this fall," said Noel.

However, for these new languages to stick around long enough to allow students to meet the four-semester language requirement, student demand must be heard loud and clear, in Arabic or Chinese, of course.



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Jan. 23	Dean Linda Irwin Devitis, School of Education
Jan. 30	Zac Johnson, Rhetoric Major
Feb. 6	Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society
Feb. 13	Ali Duckworth, English Literature Major
Feb. 20	Environmental Science Club
Feb. 27	Joe Windish, Library and Information Technology
March 5	Lambda Pi Eta, Mass Communication, Dr. Ginger Miller
March 12	Open
March 19	American Public Discourse Class, Dr. Can Clark
Spring Break	
April 2	Open
April 9	International Marketing Class, Dr. Delores Sams
April 16	International Marketing Class, Dr. Delores Sams
April 23	American Public Discourse Class, Dr. Can Clark
April 30	Gregg Kaufman, ADP

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INSPIRING THOUGHT

Seniors receive national honors

BY AMANDA BODDY
STAFF REPORTER

"It should always be remembered that college students are the reservoir from which our nation draws its leadership strength" is the principle of the honors program "Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

This same program selected 42 GCSU seniors for their 2008 edition. These students, whose names were released in a GCSU press release, are diverse in gender, area of study and hometown.

According to the "Who's Who" website, selection to the program, which is in its

forty-second year of publication, is "one of the most prestigious awards the academic community can bestow." The process of nomination involves being first chosen by the college and then sending in a personal application which is then deliberated over by members of the school's faculty.

After being chosen for an annual edition, the nominees send in a profile to be published in a book listing.

Nomination for the program is based on five criteria: GPA, leadership in school organizations, community involvement, future leadership potential and any college-specific requirements.

Natalee Mayo, a mass communications major double-concentrating in advertising and public relations, was one of the nominees and with good reason. As Director of Campus Activities Board, Historian for the Student Ambassador Team, and Public Relations Chair for the Sassy Cats dance team, not to mention being involved in and often holding a position in at least eight other campus organizations, Mayo clearly exemplifies the criteria necessary for "Who's Who." Mayo describes her experience of being nominated as being "a high honor" and that "it is great to be picked by a professor."

Vocal Performance major Jeremy Skidmore was also a nominee.

"I feel I was nominated because I believe a certain professor saw a student who has potential and has worked very hard to earn some kind of recognition," Skidmore said.

Skidmore is the president of GCSU's choral ensembles and feels the honor boosts his credentials.

"I believe it might help on resumes, especially since I was one of only 42 students out of the entire university who was nominated. That is a great honor," Skidmore said.

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PAWS and confirm their cell phone number. The process only takes a few minutes.

In the event of an emergency, the Public Safety department will text students' cell phones and let them know the school will be closing.

Every student should have received an e-mail within the first week about signing up for ConnectEd. In addition, Groseclose had been passing out flyers to students for three days. However, out of 5,000 flyers that were passed out, only 600 students signed up for ConnectEd.

Kelly Payne, a senior General Business major agreed that ConnectEd was a good idea.

"Yeah, I'm all about that (safety on campus) so, I signed up for it," Payne said.

Groseclose also stated that there would be some minor changes regarding Emergency Preparedness

at GCSU, including a revision of the manual for faculty and staff and the Environmental Health & Occupational Safety Directorate will be filled as soon as possible.

Also in response to the Virginia Tech shootings last year, a new position has been approved, and will be added next year—Emergency Preparedness Manager, whose office will be in the Public Safety Building. The EHOS Director will report directly to the Manager.

"We have a good relationship with the Milledgeville Police Department and Sheriff's Department," Groseclose said. "In the event of a bomb threat, there are bomb sniffing dogs in the prison system."

Groseclose did agree that students, faculty and staff need to know what to do in the event of an emergency. It's not just up to Public Safety to call the shots.

"The plan is only as good as it's known," Groseclose said.

Who's Who recognized seniors (4 of 42)...



McCall



Monell



Mayo



Hodge

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skills. The profile also described the wide variety of programs available at GCSU and the benefits of a small liberal arts university, as well as the appeal of Milledgeville.

"When you search you're not just looking to select someone, but you're also selling the school," said Dr. Anne Gormly, vice president and dean of faculties.

After advertising the

opening nationwide, over 125 applicants applied for the position. From these, the field was narrowed down to nine candidates chosen for preliminary interviews. These people were interviewed in Atlanta, and from this pool, three were chosen for on-campus interviews.

Procter was notified about the position by the search consultant and was intrigued.

"(GCSU) is a sister school to where I am, and I thought it was interesting," Procter said.

On-campus interviews

were particularly important because it was the first chance for applicants to interact with students and faculty in their environment.

The three applicants were from various academic backgrounds, such as English, political science and art, they came from colleges in Florida, Texas and Alabama, but in the end, the committee chose Procter, partly because of his experience at a public liberal arts institution.

"It was a hard choice. He related well to people, and he was previously a dean at

a COPLAC (Council on Public Liberal Arts Colleges) school," Gormly said.

Procter will begin his position at GCSU on July 1. He will be seeking opinions by interacting with both students and faculty. His job will be important in future growth and development in the liberal arts programs, such as the selection of department chairs for the art and theater departments.

"I am looking forward to meeting all the people," Procter said. "My first job is to learn about the school."

Graduation

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shifts since the policy was enacted.

"I have had more students enroll in my fitness walking and jogging classes than last year," Whatley said. "Currently both of my fitness walking classes are maxed out as opposed to last semester when only 15 to 18 students were enrolled."

Whatley also feels wellness is a valuable asset to the university.

"Wellness is one of the

cornerstones of GCSU and students should not be penalized for taking them," Whatley said.

Students also believe wellness classes are still worth taking. Senior psychology major Thomas Crawford took racquetball last semester and enjoyed the experience.

"The class was a chance to get out and do something that you would not normally do," Crawford said. "When I took racquetball, it was something new to me that I was interested in learning to expand my horizons."

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OUR VOICE

Big plans for a new year

Ladies and gentlemen, students, faculty and staff, the Colonnade is back in 2008 and ready to put out the best 13 issues we have ever produced.

Much like many of you, we at the Colonnade have made new year's resolutions, while still staying true to our roots and cause.

Our resolutions, though, are to keep you as informed as ever by improving the paper's content in all possible ways. And not only the paper – expect our Web site to flourish and grow too.

We've got big plans for all of our sections. News is going to continue to bring you the finest coverage available of the important comings-and-goings of GCSU and the Milledgeville Community.

The Sports Section is going to continue to keep you up to date on all the GCSU teams and intramural activities.

The Features Section will continue to highlight the arts and recreation that GCSU has to offer.

Last but not least, the Opinion Section will continue to give you the finest editorials offered by your peers and instructors, as well as a word or two from a certain newspaper staff.

As always, we'll strive to bring you comprehensive stories from an unbiased, professional standard. We don't take sides – it's up to you to make up your own mind.

This is where you can help us out. We know you have opinions, so share them with us! Our Vent is constantly online for quick thoughts, and for longer points, feel free to send a letter to the editor. You can also leave comments on each article on our Web site.

We mentioned the Web site earlier. You know, gcsunade.com, which we shamelessly plug in every issue? Well, there have been a lot of new things to see this semester, and we're proud to announce even more new projects for this new semester.

We've been adding photo slideshows to stories that were visually interesting to help immerse you in the event. Our Public Safety Report is back with a vengeance, with Podcasts that will be available for download each week.

But to make this work, we're going to need your help. We've already mentioned that we want your opinion, but we NEED your feedback in order to make this paper the best it can be for the students, faculty and staff of GCSU.

If you see one of our reporters roving, walk up and say hello. We're always on the lookout for people to share with us the news and events we may have overlooked, or are not aware of, so do let us know if there is anything you think is newsworthy going on.

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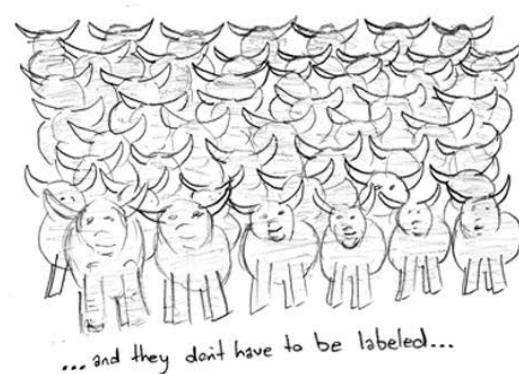
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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM

FDA "Cloned animals
Safe to eat."



New Yorkers duke it out in 2008



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

Hillary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani are both from New York. They are both running for President of the United States. And they are both leading their parties in nation-wide polls. However, their similarities don't stop there.

Several months ago a hard-core Republican friend of mine went to an event that Hillary Clinton spoke at. I envisioned my friend causing a ruckus. Possibly asking a question in a Q & A about any number of Clinton scandals: Rose Law Firm, Vince Foster, White Water land scandal, selling nuclear secrets to China in '90s for campaign cash. And that's just the short-list. To my astonishment the response I got from my friend was, "she's not all that bad." The conversation practically died there when my jaw hit the floor and I was left speechless.

Following that, I took a little time to re-evaluate Hillary Clinton. I still despise her with about 52 percent of Americans, but her voting record, and in most cases her rhetoric aren't as liberal as Republicans like to claim.

For years following

Sept. 11, 2001 I was a pretty big fan of Rudy Giuliani. I looked forward to 2008 because that would be the inevitable year that he runs for President and would beat Hillary Clinton. In early 2007, Giuliani's campaign started up and I realized he wouldn't be much better than Hillary Clinton at all.

First of all, let's look at the areas that these candidates are very similar. They both are staunch supporters of abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, and gay marriage. Rudy Giuliani is an even larger advocate of gay marriage by actually supporting it and having marched in a New York gay pride parade. Hillary Clinton on the other hand thinks it's a state issue, but personally supports civil unions. There is nothing inherently wrong in either candidate's positions on these issues, but, for someone running as a "conservative" Republican, Giuliani is definitely out of the loop.

On the issue of the Second Amendment, Hillary Clinton believes assault rifles, and automatic firearms should be illegal. Rudy Giuliani thinks the right to bear arms doesn't exist, and his record of strict gun control in New York is proof. I'm not surprised that a Democrat would support this small gun control ban since most Democrats are in favor of gun control. But I am surprised that a Republican like Giuliani would support an extreme amount of gun control.

Now that we have covered important social issues, let's take a look at family issues. Republican

voters, particularly evangelicals feel like a candidate's personal life is a very important indicator of how that person will be as President. Rudy Giuliani is currently on his third marriage, the last one ended when he decided to tell his wife he was filing for divorce in a press conference. Both of his previous marriages have ended because of infidelity on his part. In fact, his current wife served as his second marriage's mistress. I guess a supporter of Giuliani could claim that this shows he supports the institution of marriage since he's done it so many times. Giuliani does have children. Unfortunately they're not helping his campaign like Mitt Romney's sons or Hillary Clinton's daughter. Rudy Giuliani's daughter is supporting Barack Obama for President.

We all know about Bill Clinton's multiple infidelities. And there has been more than a little criticism of Hillary for sticking by him. But isn't forgiving, and trying to make the marriage work the Christian thing for Hillary to do? Many people believe it was a calculated political decision. Maybe it was, and maybe it wasn't. Regardless, it showed Americans across the nation that it is possible to forgive in even the worst of times. To the contrary, the example that Giuliani set is to remain faithful only until a pretty girl in a skirt walks by.

When it comes to foreign policy Hillary Clinton has voted with the Republicans in support of every Iraq War supporting,

Iran condemning, freedom infringing initiative that has come before her. The only two voting exceptions were both this year when she voted against additional funding for the troops in Iraq and voted for a timetable to pull troops out. Even today she proudly states that invading Iraq was the right thing to do, but was poorly executed by President Bush. At the New Hampshire debate this past weekend Rudy Giuliani also stated that Bush's advisors, namely Rumsfeld. In Iraq war rhetoric there is very minimal difference between Hillary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani. Of course, Giuliani doesn't have a voting record on these national affairs so it is difficult to know if his votes would match his words.

Hillary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani are very similar. They have two differences. One is a man, and the other is a woman. However, both wear women's clothes in public (check YouTube for the video). The other difference is that Giuliani is a Republican, and Clinton is a Democrat. But if their views are the same, what difference does it make what party they choose to associate with. A recent Rasmussen Poll showed that over 70 percent of Americans don't like the direction that this country is going. Unfortunately, Rudy Giuliani and Hillary Clinton are nothing more than symbols of the status quo.

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Don't stretch yourself too thin



BY ERIC JONES
COLUMNIST

There is a monster on campus that you should be aware of as we roll into another beautiful Spring semester. It's lying dormant among the population like a virus waiting to spread through syllabi, printable schedules, and the ever growing sound of loose leaf notebook paper twisting to the next blank page as each new class begins. It's called CSD, College Self-Destruction, and it doesn't affect those bush-league students who are here for the 1 a.m. beer and pizza runs. It affects you.

But you're a firecracker, right? You're ready for roll call. You've got your books pre-footnoted, you've got pens with back

up inks taped on them, you can field strip a stapler and reload it blind folded, and you solve quadratic equations in your sleep. You've got the perfect twelve hour a week job so that you can save up that little money for the nights Downtown where you'll be hobnobbing with the big leaguers; those college kids who know everyone and have been here since you can remember. And who knows, maybe you'll be in the cool slot this semester. You're ready to fire this puppy up and burn on into the summer, aren't you? Sure, you are.

You may not know it, but the virus is already creeping through your ambitious veins. CSD happens when you've overloaded yourself and begin to lose sight of the college objective. Rather than learn, we tend to strive toward making the grade in order to bolster our GPA and experiential transcripts. This is a hollow notion, and it eats up a lot of good students. Virginia Greene was a Junior Computer Science Major who was the president of an RSO, the PR Chair of CAB, had a full course load and a job at Pet Smart

when she suffered an anxiety attack on her way from the library to the residence halls.

"I didn't realize the stress was that bad," Greene said, "my chest was hurting and it was hard to breath. I called my HMO and they told me hang up and dial 911 so I did."

At best, College Self-Destruction can make you miserable and keep you stressed for an entire semester. The trenches of academia tower above you from the morning when you wake up to the time you pass out on your best friend's futon. The work piles up eventually and you either rush them and do a weak job or you pick out the important assignments and hope to squeeze out a satisfactory grade. Either way, you forget to learn how to do anything but keep your head above the water.

I am a recovering victim of CSD, so I know this is true. As a resolution for the new year I've come up with a number of ways to reduce the effects of CSD in the way of finding a cure. Try cutting the fat out of your schedule, and make learning the priority

rather than passing. Don't lace up for college like you're being dropped into the Cambodian jungle. Create a personal dialogue with your professors so that they understand your misgivings about certain assignments and curb your anger as the work piles up. Retreat if things get too thick, re-evaluate, and then retry. The most important thing I've discovered comes from Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" which stresses that every battle is won before it is ever fought. As you begin the semester make sure that your course load is manageable and that your extracurriculars are fun and easy. Learn to say "no" to possible social obligations that get in the way.

These are all things that you know already, aren't they. Sure they are. I knew them too. But in the cross-fire of new courses, new teachers, new friends, and a new year, even the smartest students need reminding every once and a while. That's the real cure. Just a friendly reminder.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wesley Crafton is a good man

Dear Editor,

I want to tell you that the article you wrote ("There's more to Wes Crafton," Sept. 14, 2007) was right on. Everything that was said needed to be brought to light. I've been Wes' friend since fifth grade, we even went to boot camp

together, and was also arrested that night along with another one of my marine friends, and I just have to say that the entire GCSU police force/GCSU campus immediately assumed the worse and got the wrong impression about Wes. Wes is doing just fine though, he got off on a first

time offender plea, so he won't be serving any more jail time. Thank God. Anyhow, just thought you'd want to know. Great article. Sincerely,

Ryan McGovern

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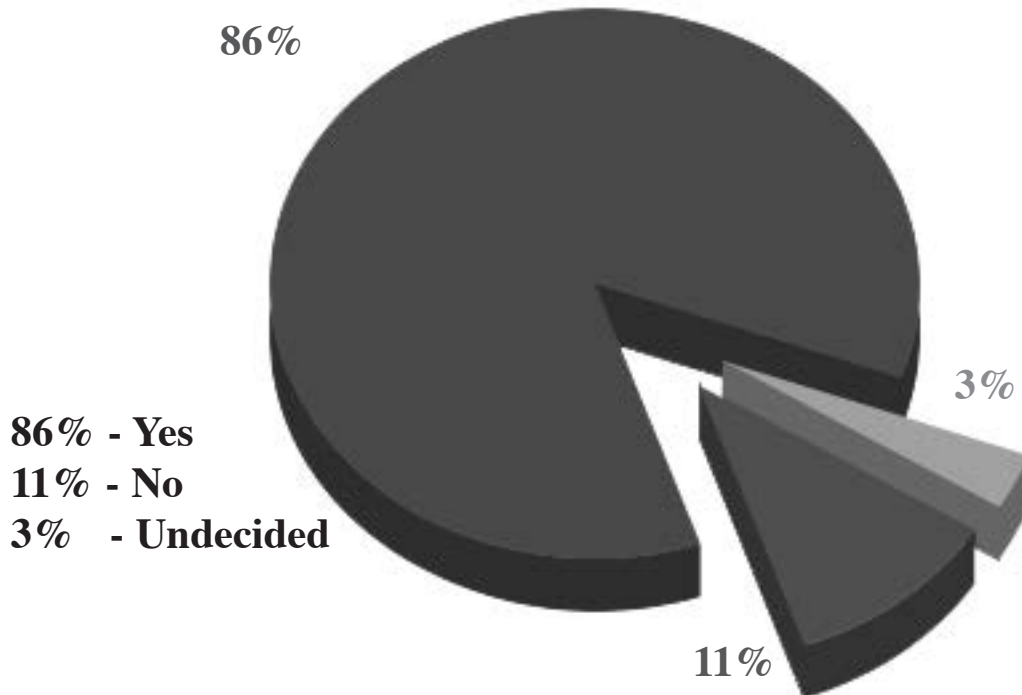
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GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

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Next week's question:

Do you plan, at this time, to live in University Housing next year?

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Has it been difficult for you to choose a candidate for this year's election?



"I actually haven't chosen a candidate yet. I still need to do my research. I'm planning on waiting until closer to the election though, because you never know what's going to happen between now and then."

Samantha Mandernacht, freshman, English

"It has been difficult. I am bad about watching the news sometimes and there are so many candidates running that it is hard to pick one."

Allison Kelly, freshman, education



"I would have to say that it has been kind of difficult picking a candidate for the elections. I'm pretty moderate as of this point. I do know that I am going to research the policies and views of each candidate and make my final decision before the actual elections."

Zane Wind, sophomore, mass communication

"Yeah, because I haven't really looked to see what the candidates have to offer."

Jessica McLin, sophomore, middle grades education



"I know that politics are important, but I haven't taken adequate time to consider. I don't recommend anybody waiting as long as I have."

Katherine Mann, senior, psychology

Reported by Courtney Murrah

The Litter Box

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NOOOO GCSU INTERWEBZ! They were so fast at first, and now look at them.

What's up with Facebook being down ... now I have to pay attention in class ... this better be fixed FAST.

So let me tell you a story about a call that changed my destiny...

I love how it's snowing and we still have class ... aren't we the state that's supposed to freak out by ONE snowflake? Thanks GCSU, I am going to freeze so I can go to a theater class.

I'll never give you up, let you down, tell a lie or hurt you. I'll never make you cry, never say goodbye, and never run around and desert you.

I want to go back to Mexico. It's warm there!

What's with people screaming bloody murder at West Campus and then breaking out laughing ... I'm not sure how to respond.

I don't know about you guys, but I'm glad to be back in Milledgeville.

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Noodle art a feast for the eyes

Ali Duckworth
Staff Reporter

Sang-Wook Lee, assistant professor of art at GCSU and artist of "19620," "Noodle Noodle" and "Ramen Noodle: 2008," is not only famous in a small town, he is making national news.

Born and raised in South Korea, Lee earned his BFA and MFA from Dong-A University. He majored in Textile Design before coming to the United States and attending the University of Georgia where he received a second Master's degree in same course of study.

Lee was recently featured on CNN News in a segment titled, "Amazing Noodle Art!" The segment features Lee and various students discussing his piece, "Noodle Noodle," on exhibition now at Emory University.

Unlike many artists, Lee did not always know what he wanted to be.

"In Korea's system, you have to decide your major before you get into the school. I hadn't had any experience before getting in college, so pretty much people told me that the fiber is good, and that it's going to be a good major that I can study," Lee said.

While Lee was a graduate student at Dong-A University, Glen Kaufman, professor of art and Fabric Design chair at the University of Georgia, guest lectured at the university.

"He liked my work, and we had a good connection," Lee said.

Kaufman and Lee kept in contact, and after another visit, Kaufman suggested Lee come to the United States.

"At that time I had no idea about American culture. I had not any plan or anything. That's when I came here," Lee said.

Though he had no intent on teaching or even

staying in the United States, Lee was soon offered a part-time position.

"I really like it a lot because the teaching job has given me a lot of extra time to work on my own work, and this is what I want. So give me an opportunity. I can do both, and I can survive," Lee said.

Lee's latest piece of art, "Ramen Noodle: 2008," is a representation of mystery, culture and memory.

Made from nearly 7,000 packages of Ramen noodles, Lee describes his work as "mysterious architecture."

Not fully appreciating Ramen noodles until his move to the United States, he now realizes how important culture is.

"When you're there (Korea), you don't really think about your background, but when I moved here, I started to realize about how important it is - about my culture," Lee said.

"Ramen Noodle for me is - I guess it's kind of memories from when I was young," Lee said. "Something the Koreans believe noodles celebration or long life."

Also influenced by American architecture, Lee noticed the striking differences between Korean apartment complexes and American brick house. Lee's research of the Native American ruins of Chaco Canyon in New Mexico helped to influence his piece as well.

"Everything here: contemporary art, geometry shapes, I was trying to combine those two things together: Native American mysterious and Ramen Noodle Asian Culture," Lee said.

Along with approximately nine other art students, sophomore art major, Casey Sullivan will be traveling to

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PHOTO COURTESY OF EUN-I.COM
GCSU Art professor Sang-Wook Lee builds his masterpiece, which is displayed in Emory College's Visual Arts Gallery.

Pregnancy Center offers assistance

ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

Many single women and couples will experience the surprise - pleasant or not - of pregnancy this year. And that scare could be magnified if the pregnancy is unplanned.

Birth controls may fail, condoms will break and accidents will happen.

Crossroads Pregnancy Center offers counseling and help. Formerly known as the Oconee Pregnancy Center, it was founded over fifteen years ago and recently got a make-over with a new location, a brand-new building and a new name. The Christian not-for-profit organization offers guidance and consultation for women and couples that are at a "cross-road" in their life.

"We like to think of Crossroads Pregnancy Center as a place of hope," Pam Alford, client services manager said. "Many young women come in here scared and confused and we are here basically to show them that we're here for them and that they are not alone and share with them the ministry of Jesus."

Judy Butler, director of Crossroads Pregnancy Center, has been with the organization since it was established. She was asked to be the center's director and has been through the four moves and changes it has endured since its founding.

"We are so excited to get a place specifically built for our purposes where we can comfortably accommodate our clients," Butler said. "We're really hoping to reach out to more people now with our new location

and improved services."

Butler and Alford, and the network of counselors and health professionals, hope to offer an alternative to unwanted pregnancies and offer counseling and help them explore other options other than abortion.

Crossroads Pregnancy Center is true to their Christian roots and believes that life begins at conception. The center's funding comes mostly from generous donations of like-minded individuals and churches around Milledgeville.

They offer a range of classes, counseling and other outreach programs to help women and couples who are pregnant or think they maybe pregnant.

Services offered include pregnancy tests and an ultra-sound all free of charge. Maternity and baby supplies are also available to assist financially needy clients and single mothers through the "Earn While You Learn" incentive program. This program offers a variety of classes for expectant mothers and parents from parenting classes, childbirth education classes, and classes to help explain the changes undergoing the body physically and emotionally during the pregnancy. Each class is tailored to the clients needs and clients get "Mommy Dollars" as they go through the program. They can then redeem these "dollars" in the center's Stork's Nest Store.

"We have a lot of goods to help new and expectant mothers," Butler said. "These were donated and are free to anyone who join the 'Earn While You Learn' program."

The center also offers

post-abortion recovery assistance. While abortion may seem like the easiest way to deal with unplanned pregnancies, it can cause physical, emotional and spiritual damage to many women even years after the procedure.

"We are not here to judge you," Alford said. "But in my experience, I've talked to women who still suffer from the emotional hardship years after the procedure, and we're here to help you get through that with the help of people who have been through the same exact thing in a confidential and secure environment."

A variety of counselors are on-hand to assist with recovery and to give advice. They vary from college students themselves to 80-year old counselors to better accommodate the needs of the clients.

"We have to have a range of age for counselors," Butler said. "Some women are comfortable talking to a peer if they are younger, and some are more comfortable to see someone who looks like their grandma. Either way we feel like the Lord matches these people for us and he guides the clients and the counselors into helping each other."

Indeed, the center offers a very cozy and homey environment.

Joy Dunnam, a junior nursing major at GCSU, has been working at the center since age 18. She also serves as a counselor and a client assistant.

"There are a lot of girls out there that are confused and scared," Dunnam said. "We are here to share what their options are. We are not here to intimidate them

and we are not condemning them. It is their body, their baby, and their decision ultimately. We just want to help them choose an option that they can live with."

Through ministry they hope to reach more students on campus more than ever that will include discussion groups, Bible studies, and workshops to campus.

Anna Bryson, a sophomore mass communication major, is a volunteer and a member of the center's college outreach program.

"We hope to have workshops and bring in medical professionals such as a gynecologist to speak to the students sometime," Bryson said. "Education is an important part of the program and hopefully that will help bring about awareness to the pregnancy center and the options and alternatives they offer there."

These programs include the "Abstinence in Action" program which is already established in the center.

And while the pro-life stance and the christian ministry promoted might intimidate many who seek help, the center maintains non-judgmental atmosphere.

"The Christian way is to be non-judgmental," Dunnam said. "Here in the center, we believe that Jesus forgives and that his love is unconditional regardless of where they've been."

For more information about services and a way to volunteer visit Crossroads Pregnancy Center located at 451 S. Wayne Street or call (478) 452-7376. All consultations and services offered are free and confidential.



CHELSEA THOMAS / STAFF WRITER

The house was packed as students both Greeks and Non-Greeks danced the night away to the fifth and final formal.

Final Not-So-Greek goes with a bang

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

The Not-So-Greek Formal began five years ago when a couple of guys living on West Montgomery Street decided they wanted to throw a nonexclusive get together for everyone - whether affiliated with Greek organizations on campus or not. Back then in 2003, about 150 people showed up for the event. This past weekend, on Jan. 12, for the Fifth Annual Not-So-Greek Formal over 450 people came out. The same white

house has been used for all five formals.

"The party gives folks an excuse to dress up, go out to eat if they want, and to come dance with their friends. People can just come out without the whole craziness of other parties," says Benji Lavender, a senior at GCSU that has been part of planning the event for years.

At the house party there were finger foods outside under a tent, lights adorning the front porch, and plenty of dancing room inside. Along with Lavender, many of the

other residents of the house spend a lot of time cleaning out the entire bottom floor for the party. Once it is all cleared there were sheets hung from the ceiling, special lighting set up and sound systems were rented. A lot of preparation and time is spent every year getting ready for the big night.

"It is definitely a group effort," Lavender said.

Many GCSU students have made a point of attending the Not-So-Greek Formal every year. Along with these there have been many new faces as well,

some traveling from other schools. One of the main reasons for the formal is to welcome everyone.

"It was a neat experience getting together with so many people from the school at a non-school related event. It was really organized and had a great atmosphere," Alix Erola-Rebellato, a freshman in the Honors program at GCSU, said.

One of the reasons the Not-So-Greek Formal differentiates from other

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GCSU takes second place at nationals

BY DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER

A group of students hailing from a small liberal arts college known as GCSU, with an undergraduate enrollment slightly over 5,000 was undaunted by schools boasting numbers of 15,000, 20,000, or even 30,000 students, beating them into submission during the National Intramural and

Recreational Sports Association flag football championship, held Jan. 3 through 5 in Dallas, Texas.

Whiteout, GCSU's current intramural flag football champion, received an invitation to compete in the national tournament after defeating the University of Georgia for the 2007 state championship, held in November.

The members of Whiteout, all GCSU juniors and seniors, arrived

in Fort Worth, Texas on Jan. 2 to represent their school, their pride and the state of Georgia.

For Ryan Erwin, a GCSU senior history major, this week would become one of his fondest college memories.

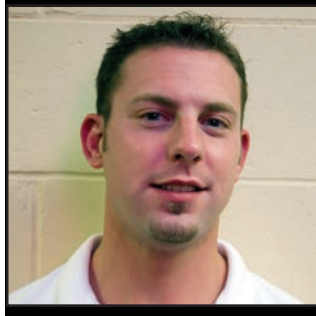
"The most fun I've had in college has been playing with Whiteout," Erwin said. "Being on this team, which are my closest friends, has been awesome."

As the week progressed, word quickly spread throughout the tournament that an unknown school was piling up the wins, and the points, with a high-flying style that many GCSU flag football teams are already aware of.

Whiteout made it all the way to the national championship game, narrowly losing on a last second

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Not so free throws

There are very few circumstances in team sports where a player has an opportunity to score without any form of defense against that attempt.

In basketball, however, players are given this opportunity quite often in the form of free throws.

A free throw, simply put, is an uncontested shot awarded to a player after he is fouled while shooting or when the opposing team is over the foul limit. It is a 15-foot shot and typically a good player will hit around 80 percent.

Basketball fans know how important free throw shooting can be to a team, especially in a close game. It is not uncommon that games are essentially decided at the foul line.

That being said, as I have spent a pretty significant amount of time watching Division II basketball over the past three years, I can not only help but wonder why nearly every team I watch struggles mightily from the line.

Let's use this seasons GCSU men's team as an example.

From the floor the Bobcats are shooting 47 percent, a fairly respectable number. However, the team has struggled mightily from the line shooting only 64 percent, as of Wednesday night.

The top two teams in the conference, The University of South Carolina at Aiken and Augusta State University, shoot 68 percent and 71 percent respectively from the line, both considerable amounts higher. However all three teams are very comparable in field goal percentage where Aiken shoots 46 percent and ASU shoots 48 percent.

There is only one way to become a good free-throw shooter: shoot free throws, lots and lots of free throws.

The problem is pretty simple, practicing from the foul line is not sexy in the modern game. Players would rather spend their time jacking up threes.

The two skills are not interchangeable, just because a player can hit threes does not mean she/he can shoot free throws.

The Bobcats are 10-2 as of Wednesday night, they have the makings of a very good basketball team, and a little work from the charity stripe could push them from a strong team to a conference contender.

Soccer coach moves on



PARR

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Athletic Department has opened a national search for a new women's soccer coach to replace former head coach Robert Parr following his resignation.

Parr announced his intention to leave the team on Nov. 29, after leading the Lady Bobcats to its most successful season in the team's four-year history.

The team finished the season with a 13-5 mark and advanced to the semi-final round of the Peach Belt Conference Tournament where the Bobcats fell 1-0 to the Cougars of Columbus State University, who would go on to win the tournament and eventually advance to the quarter-finals of the NCAA National Tournament and finish the season ranked No. 5.

Parr was suspended for the teams final game for undisclosed reasons, however the athletic department denied that he was asked to leave.

"People keep looking for a story," Assistant Athletic Director Jimmy Wilson said. "(Parr) left the school on his own to pursue other opportunities."

Parr built the Bobcat soccer program from scratch.

When he arrived in Milledgeville in the Spring of 2003 he set the blueprints for a successful program.

In his four year tenure Parr chalked up a 32-28-8 record.

Parr could not be reached for comment, but said the following in a press release: "I have enjoyed having the opportunity to build this program from its first days, and am especially proud of the many things we achieved on and off the field this year. I will miss GCSU and the fine players on this team, and wish them continued success in the future."

Athletic Director Dr. Stan Aldrige hopes to have a new coach in place by the spring exhibition season.

'Cats remain perfect at home

BY SCOTT THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior forward Jay Warden fights for a rebound in a 77-75 win over North Georgia College & State University last Wednesday night. Warden scored seven points and junior guard Sean Keaton added 19 to lead the way.

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Huffin sets record; Ladies in third

BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU women's basketball team went into the holiday break with a 6-2 record, 1-1 in the Peach Belt Conference, and looked well-prepared for the remainder of the season.

After four games since returning to the court, it is not yet clear where this Lady Bobcats team stacks up in the conference. They went 2-2 in those games, including a tough loss to a highly-ranked Valdosta State University team and two hard-fought wins that took all forty minutes to obtain.

In the Valdosta game on Jan. 5, the team's first after a three-week layoff, the Lady Bobcats came out ready to play against a strong opponent on the road. The team showed its balance, as five players scored in double digits. Freshman guard Dominique Huffin paced the Lady Bobcats with 19, and senior forward Ashley Williams snagged eight rebounds.

"It is hard as a either a player or coach to re-gear yourself after that type of break," Coach John Carrick said. "But I was proud of



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior guard Tiauna Brantley blows past an Armstrong Atlantic University defender Wednesday night as the Lady Bobcats claim a 71-67 victory.

the girls keeping themselves focused and in shape."

"As a player, I'd rather just play through it, not have the break," William said.

Smaller conferences, like the PBC, schedule the games around academic breaks because the schools not only place more

emphasis on academics over athletics, but realize that the student body would not turn out to games scheduled over a long break.

The Lady Bobcats' next game against North Georgia College

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THE SHORT STOP



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Monday	5:30 p.m.	@Clayton St.
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Georgia SW

GCSU Athlete of the Week



Dominique Huffin

The freshmen guard scored a Centennial Center record 41 points, including eight three-pointers, last Saturday as the Lady Bobcats fell to Lander University 107-97. Huffin added seven points and three steals last Wednesday, as the Lady Bobcats topped No. 20 North Georgia 75-73.

Bobcats

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of Graham Martin's 3-pointers, a baseline beauty that regained the lead for the Bobcats, a lead they would not relinquish.

Three GCSU players reached double digits in scoring, continuing the trend of a balanced offense that has served the team well thus far. The team is 7-0 when at least three players have double digit scoring totals, as opposed to 1-2 when they do not.

Head coach Terry Sellers thinks that there are a couple of reasons why the team is playing at such a high level.

"(During the) last two games, good defense has stepped up," Sellers said. "We've also got great team chemistry. I never realized, until two or three years ago, how important it was. These guys work hard and have a great attitude."

Bobcat players and fans survived a scare in the first half when senior center Aaron Clark suffered a hard foul by the Pirates' Andrew Webber while trying to pull down a rebound, resulting in a cut around Clark's eye. Clark left the game, but returned later in the half. He finished with ten points and six rebounds.

"Right now we're shooting the ball well," Clark said. "We're playing good defense, a good cohesive team defense. We can win a lot of games holding them to 50 or 52 points."

With a 10-2 record in hand, many Bobcat fans



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior guard Ken Kemp lays the ball up Wednesday night as the Bobcats dominate the Pirates of Armstrong Atlantic State University 76-52 at the Centennial Center.

are remembering last year when the team got off to a hot start (10-1) before dropping their first three conference games. However, the team's leadership, players and coaches, are trying to keep the locker room at an even keel.

"We've got younger guys who haven't been here before, but we've got seniors and guys from community college who help keep everyone mel-

low," Clark said.

The Bobcats will be

looking to stay undefeated at home Saturday as they welcome the Francis Marion University Patriots. Then the team will go on the road Monday to face Clayton State University before returning home to play Georgia Southwestern State University on Wednesday.

"We're a quarter of the way through a long season," Sellers said. "In order to continue winning, we've got to continue to improve."

Ladies

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and State University, the first at home for the team in 2008, ended in dramatic fashion. A last-second jumper by freshman point guard Jessica Baker clinched a 75-73 victory and a much-needed conference win for GCSU.

Williams led the team in scoring with 16 points, and missed a double-double by a single rebound. Redshirt junior Emily Bixler also needed one rebound for a double-double, and finished with 14 points.

The Jan. 12 game at home against Lander University was a case of good news, bad news for the Lady Bobcats. The team lost on the scoreboard, falling 107-97 to the Lady Bearcats, but may have found a star for the next three years.

Huffin went off for 41 points on 15 of 22 shooting, including eight of 12 three-pointers. The point total was a new Centennial Center record, for both men's and women's basketball, and overshadowed an outstanding game from Williams, who posted her fifth double-double of the season with ten points and 12 rebounds.

Armstrong Atlantic State University came to the Centennial Center on Jan. 16 for the third straight PBC matchup for the Lady Bobcats. The remainder of the season consists of conference games, leading up to the PBC tournament in March.

The Lady Bobcats dominated early, and it looked like they would run away with the game, leading by

12 at halftime. The Lady Pirates were resilient, however, and made a strong run in the second half, even taking the lead four times before GCSU took control again in the final five minutes.

"To be honest, I never expected to hold that lead against a good team like (AASU), they're just too good," said Carrick. "My hope was that we could come back and play strong after they made their run."

The coach got his wish, and the team came away with a solid win over a

team that previously had a better conference mark than the Lady Bobcats.

After this game, GCSU sits third in the PBC behind strong Lander and Francis Marion teams. The Lady Bobcats must keep the intensity high, because they actually share third place with Columbus State University at 3-2, and five teams are only a half game back at 3-3 in the PBC.

The Lady Bobcats can continue to roll with good teamwork. A close PBC race should make for a good tournament.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Freshmen guard Dominique Huffin shoots a three Wednesday night at the Centennial Center. Huffin set a home scoring record by recording 41 points against Lander University Saturday night. The Lady Bobcats host Francis Marion University Saturday night at 5:30.



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play to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 18-13.

"It's great that they're representing our name (GCSU) around the country," Matthew Hopkins, a GCSU graduate student, said. "Not many people outside of Georgia have ever heard of GCSU."

UNC Charlotte repeated as the national champion. Whiteout, to its disadvantage, was forced to play eight games, the tournament's high, due to an early loss to Arizona State University and the seeding of the playoff brackets. Already missing two players due to injury, Whiteout faced an experienced team that had only played five games prior to the championship and boasted a roster of 14 players.

"We were probably the least experienced team, and to do as well as we did says something," Bert Rosenberg, GCSU's intramural director said.

Rosenberg hopes that the success of Whiteout, the first GCSU flag football team to ever participate at the national level, will bring increased awareness to GCSU's intramural program, both on campus and across the state.

"I hope this encourages intramural participants to compete hard and carry on the tradition that Whiteout has laid down," Rosenberg said.

GCSU made a significant contribution to the Whiteout team, covering the airfare for each individual player. The opportunity was created through the efforts of GCSU's Student Government Association and Dr. Bruce Harshbarger.

"Runner-up is extremely hard to get at your first year playing in nationals," Rosenberg said. "They did a great job and represented the campus well."

The national runner-up trophy is currently being displayed on the third floor of the Student Activities Center. In the meantime, Whiteout will graduate the majority of its players this May, leaving room for another GCSU intramural dynasty to begin.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, January 18 - Tuesday,
January 29, 2008

Friday, January 18

8 p.m.-12 p.m. Workshop: "Integrating Study Abroad Into The Curriculum" Parks Hall- Presidents Conf. Rm.
1 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. The Village T-Shirt Tours- The Village at West Campus

Saturday, January 19

9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. "A Biopsychosocial Model of Cancer Care"- Macon Center
5:30 p.m. Lady Bobcats Basketball vs. Francis Marion- Centennial Center
7:30 p.m. Bobcat Basketball vs. Francis Marion- Centennial Center

Sunday, January 20

Monday, January 21

Academic Holiday!
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. "The MLK Street Party" - Baldwin County's 2008 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration-Huley Park

Tuesday, January 22

Wednesday, January 23

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. "What Can I Do With a Major in Mass Communication?" - University Banquet Room A
12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting - 107 Atkinson Hall
5:30 p.m. Lady Bobcat Basketballs vs. Georgia Southwestern- Centennial Center
7:30 p.m. Bobcat Basketball vs. Georgia Southwestern- Centennial Center

Thursday, January 24

11 a.m.- 2 p.m. YMCA Camp Greenville, N.C. Summer Camp and Internship Info. Table - Library Atrium
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Intellectual Property Forum- Museum Education Room

Please send calendar submissions to colonnadenews@gcsu.edu.



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Public Safety Report



Overdose on sleeping pills

On Dec. 11, 2007 at approximately 5:13 p.m. Officer Gaines was dispatched to Adams Hall in reference to a student taking an overdose of sleeping pills. Contact was made with a female student, who was conscious. Officer Gaines found an empty sleeping pill container. EMS responded and transported her to Oconee regional Medical Center for treatment. Counseling Services and her parents were notified. At 7:45 p.m. Officer Gaines returned to the hospital to find her doing better.

An off-duty cocaine bust

On Dec. 16, 2007 at approximately 3:24 a.m. Officer Smith, who was off-duty, was approached by a man at the Waffle House. The man opened up a small plastic bag containing cocaine and ecstasy pills. He then asked Officer Smith if he would like some cocaine. He offered some cocaine for Officer Smith to try but Officer Smith replied that he did not do cocaine, but might like to buy some ecstasy if he would give him a minute. Officer Smith then had Officer Pissott, who was also off-duty, contact the station and have a Milledgeville Police Department unit dispatched to the scene. When the city unit arrived on scene, the man attempted to put the baggie of drugs in his mouth and run towards the restroom area. Officer Smith and Officer Pissott then identified themselves as police officers and detained the man and retrieved the drugs. The man was turned over to Milledgeville Police Department's Officer Tapley and charged with Possession of Drugs With Intent to Distribute.

Waiting to be towed

On Dec. 28, 2007 at approximately 5:07 p.m. Officer Baker observed a vehicle that had no tag and had been sitting in the parking lot of The Village the entire fall semester. Attempts to identify the owner of the vehicle were unsuccessful. The vehicle had a tow notice on it from the parking department since October. Old Capitol Wrecker was called to tow the vehicle to their impound lot.

Lights out for one drunk driver

On Jan. 1 at approximately 12:40 a.m. Officer Reonas observed a vehicle sitting at the red light at Hancock and Wilkinson streets. The vehicle sat through a complete light cycle without moving. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver. While speaking with him, Officer Reonas could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. He also observed that his speech was slurred and eyes were glassy. When tested on the Intoxilyzer 5000, he registered .206. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI and Impeding Normal Traffic Flow. The vehicle was removed from the scene by a licensed sober driver.

Escapee in handcuffs

On Jan. 5 at approximately 11:22 p.m. Milledgeville Police Department requested assistance in reference to a person running from them on Montgomery Street. Officer Smith responded to the scene and observed the suspect running. A foot chase ensued and the suspect removed a handgun from his overalls. He point it towards Officer Smith. Officer Smith drew his weapon and ordered the man to drop the weapon and get on the ground. Instead, the man ran. As he was running, Officer Smith observed him throw down the weapon. When Officer Smith was able to apprehend him, handcuff him and place him in a Milledgeville Police Department patrol car, the suspect was still able to escape the patrol vehicle with Officer Smith's handcuffs still on him. The weapon was located and a check through GCIC found the weapon was stolen. The case has been turned over to Milledgeville Police Department.

Cop smelled possession

On Jan. 7 at approximately 8:38 p.m. Officer Reonas observed a vehicle run a stop sign at Columbia and McIntosh streets. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver. While speaking with the driver, Officer Reonas could detect the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. When asked if there was marijuana in the vehicle, the driver replied there was some in the center console. A check of the console found a "blunt" marijuana cigar. The driver was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana. The vehicle was removed from the scene by the suspect's sister.

Library theft

On Jan. 9 at approximately 11:31 a.m. a female student reported that between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. that day, unknown person(s) stole her wallet out of her purse while she was at the Library. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for investigation.

Disguising the truth

On Jan. 10 at approximately 10:23 p.m. Officer Reonas observed a male walking on Wilkinson Street with a cup. It appeared he was trying to hide the cup from the officer. When Officer Reonas turned around, the male threw down the cup. When contact was made with the man, he first stated he had soda in the cup, but then he did admit that there was rum in the cup also. A check of his driver's license found him to be 18 years of age. He was then arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol.

Mixing alcohol with anger

On Jan. 11 at approximately 3:22 a.m. Officer Hicks was dispatched to a fight at Foundation Hall. Contact was made with one of the males, who had the odor of an alcoholic beverage and was in the altercation with a student. He admitted to drinking earlier in the evening. He was then arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol. He was also trespassed from all GCSU property for two years.

Information compiled
by Chelsea Thomas

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NOW HEAR THIS

Career Center holds mass communication meeting

Calling all Mass Communication majors! The Career Center is holding an informational meeting about possible career paths in the field. Dr. Mary Jean Land, professor and chair of the Mass Communication Program will be speaking.

Students can check out numerous careers such as being a foreign correspondent, a fashion photographer, a managing editor or a news director- this meeting is for all students interested in a career in Mass Communication. The meeting will be Wed., Jan. 23 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the University Banquet Room. Come learn about the skills needed to develop a specific career path and much more. Students can sign up at the Career Center at 232 Lanier Hall or by calling (478) 445-5384.

Time to register

The time to register for both the Hands Of Hope cancer survivor dinner and Relay for Life event has arrived. The Hands Of Hope dinner will be on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. at The First Methodist Church. Relay for Life will be on April 11 to 12 at the Walter B. Williams Recreational Park starting Friday at 6:00p.m. with the Cancer Survivors' Lap. This year's goal is to have over 500 cancer survivors walk the first lap. If you are interested in

either of these events contact Kendall Stiles, Director of The G.I.V.E. Center, at 478-445-5936.

MLK Street Party

The Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity, Hands on Milledgeville and the Baldwin County Community are hosting the 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Everyone will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with the community, give back by volunteering, and continue the dream and works towards social justice.

The MLK Street Party will be at Huley Park from 11:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21. The Keynote Speaker is Jeremy Ponds, a Political Science major and graduating senior at Morehouse College. He has committed his life to following in the footsteps of Dr. King and other civil rights leaders. Jeremy Ponds will be speaking at 3:00 p.m. After he speaks, the volunteering will begin. So come out and celebrate Martin Luther King Day.

Housing priority sign-up

Priority Sign Up for 2008-2009 has started! Apply today at www.gcsu.edu/housing. Specific room selection will be from Jan. 22 to Jan. 25. Returning students can choose from any residence hall or an apartment at The Village at West Campus. Deposits will roll over so there's no money needed upfront.

Faculty art exhibit

From Jan. 14 through Feb. 7 the art faculty presents an exhibit, "Transformation Collection," in Blackridge Hall Art Gallery. The exhibit features faculty paintings, prints, photographs, ceramics, digital, video, installation and fiber works of art.

The focus of the exhibit is the growth and development of artists throughout their careers. Each artist will exhibit current work along with earlier pieces so viewers can see the artist's skill and conceptual transformation from past to present. An artist reception will be held at 5 p.m. Jan. 17 with an artist talk at 6 p.m. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

Village at West Campus Tour

Considering living in the Village next year? On Friday, Jan. 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. students are invited to come take a tour. The first 200 Non-Village residents that arrive to take the tour will receive a free t-shirt. The tour will start at the Village Clubhouse.

Senator Visits

U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson will visit GCSU campus from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18. There will be a meet-and-greet session open to the public in the University Banquet Room. This is a great opportunity to share your thoughts.



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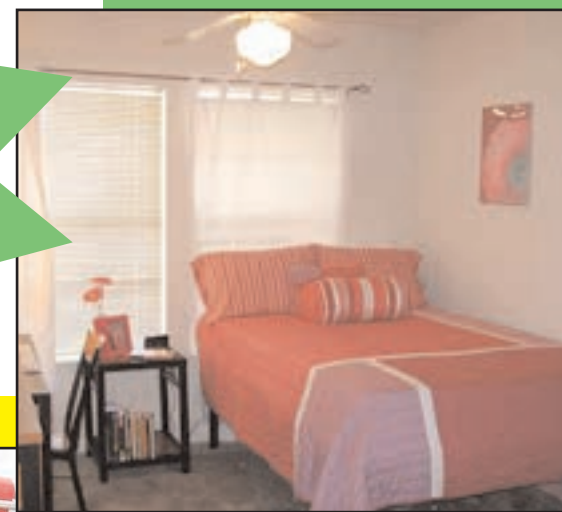
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